MONTEREY NEWS

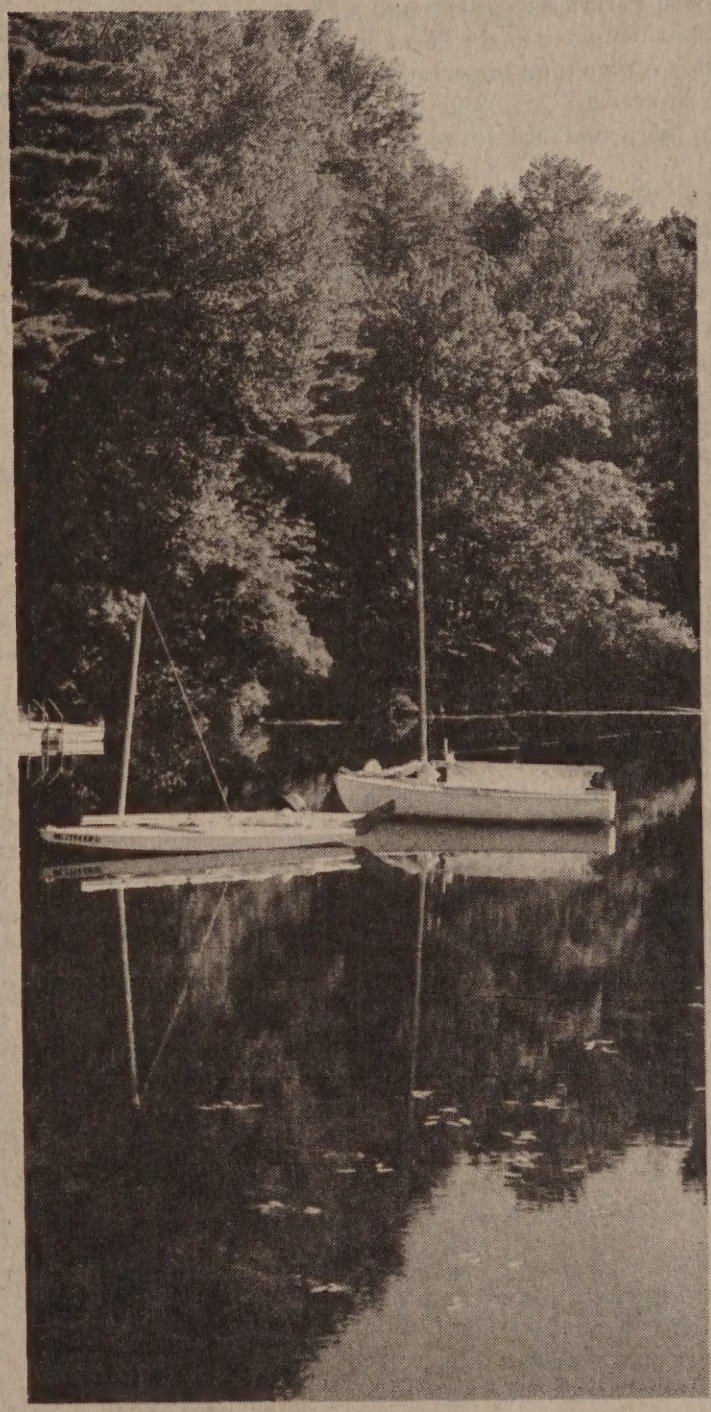
OCTOBER 1988

TOWN NEWS

SPECIAL DUMP DAYS for BULK HOME WASTE

Two forty-yard containers will be available on Saturday and Sunday, October 8 and 9, at regular dump hours for the disposal of such items as mattresses, stuffed and upholstered furniture, rugs, and tires. The cost of each container is $1,200. The Town of Monterey will pay half the cost out of tax money, but contributors of waste will be asked to pay the rest. A fee schedule will be available at the site. Examples of the cost on various items are: mattresses, $15; sofas, $30; stuffed chairs, $15; TVs, $10; kitchen tables, $10; kitchen chairs, $5; tires, $5; rugs, $15. Auto batteries may be brought but should be left beside the container. There will be no brush nor demolition debris disposed of. The container provided routinely for "white goods," such as appliances, file cabinets, etc., will be available for these items, as usual.

The Selectmen emphasize that this is a special service to enable townspeople to get rid of things which are otherwise impossible to dispose of. Participants must be Town residents and possess a valid dump sticker. Make checks payable to the Town of Monterey. Your check will be your receipt.



SUSAN McALLESTER

New Head of Public Access Board Comes to Monterey

A representative from the state Public Access Board as well as one from the Division of Fish and Wildlife met with Monterey Selectmen Monday, September 19, to clarify specifications for the boat access ramp to be constructed at the beach on Lake Garfield. Accompanied by reports documenting an agreement made several years ago between the Town and the state, the men reminded the Selectmen that then there was a Town vote in favor of a boat ramp. Diagrams of parking on Brewer Pond and other plans made during that time were displayed.

After some discussion, all agreed to the plan aired earlier this year to provide a ramp down one side of the Town beach but to limit access during swimming season only to hand-carried vessels such as canoes and sailboats. Larger boats may be launched into Brewer Pond and may access Lake Garfield through the tubes under Tyringham Road.

At the Selectmen's meeting September 26, the idea of a concrete slab from the water's edge out to a depth of 18" was considered. This can be either roped off or removed altogether

by the Highway Department during the swimming season. The packed earth ramp is to be covered with sand over the summer so that swimmers and sunbathers will not know it is there. If any improvements are required on state-owned parking areas for fishermen, the state will fund a portion of the cost.

The attitude of compromise encountered in Monday night's meeting is explained partly by the fact that the Public Access Division is now administered by Fish and Wildlife, where formerly it was administered by the Department of Public Works. It has been observed in recent years that boaters are overrunning the lakes of Massachusetts, and the pressure for the wide, asphalt boat ramp of the past has lessened in favor of access more in keeping with a balance of recreational uses.

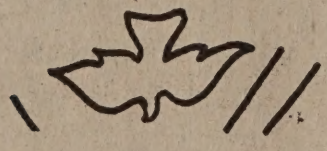
Shel Fenn Farm's Acceptance into APR Program Finalized

The final vote is in on the Shel Fenn farm's acceptance into the state's Agricultural Preservation and Restriction program. Shel will receive $225,000 for the relinquishing of his development rights, and the farm will remain forever in agricultural use.

George Wislocki of the Berkshire Resources Council said, "To a high degree what happened here celebrates the energies of the Monterey Land Trust and the generosity of Shel Fenn." Wislocki believes that the project would never have gone forward without the aggressive action of the Land Trust, for instance in the prompt hiring of an appraiser and the spirited raising of $25,000 from private citizens. He said that the accomplishing of this transaction "speaks to the relevance of the Land Trust. It can do things Towns can't do, such as fundraisers, bake sales and private subscription, which are needed in every community." Wislocki described his own personal reasons for advocating preservation of certain aspects of New England towns as being, first, to preserve early settlement patterns and, therefore, to foster a sense of place in the hearts of people who live in the towns. We believe there is a need for institutions which can work in the real estate market and "preserve what can be preserved."

Several other Berkshire County towns have started land trusts. Williamstown, Stockbridge and New Marlboro are three of them.

— Ellen K. Pearson



CHURCH NEWS

Calling all kids:
The Good News Gang is Coming!

The "Good News Gang"! That's the name of the new Christian Education program for children at our church. While the children have found a warm welcome in our Sunday morning worship with the creation of the "Children's Corner," we are aware that they need to be part of an intentional, on-going educational process—a program that not only enables children to learn about religion but helps them discover their own spiritual identity in an atmosphere of creativity, nurture and fun!

The "Good News Gang" will meet in an innovative format. Throughout the year specific time blocks will provide a manageable framework for learning. Our first time block will meet on four consecutive Friday evenings beginning October 21. We will meet from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the church. Children are asked to bring a sandwich so we can enjoy a light dinner together (we will provide beverage and dessert).

The "Good News Gang" is for children from kindergarten through sixth grade and will be taught by Cliff and Jan Aerie. Our initial four-session time block will bring children through an enjoyable time of singing, games and fellowship.

The "Good News Gang" has specific goals. We realize that many parents want their children to participate in a program of religious exploration but one far more interesting and stimulating than the one they themselves experienced as children. Our intention is not to stuff their heads with information but rather to provide a process for each child to discover his/her own unique spiritual identity; a safe place to sort through personal values; an environment that promotes self-esteem and self-worth.

The "Good News Gang" is for *ALL* children in our community. We invite you, as parents, to encourage your child to attend. If you have any questions please call me at 528-5850. Jan and I look forward to the privilege of working with your children.

— Cliff Aerie

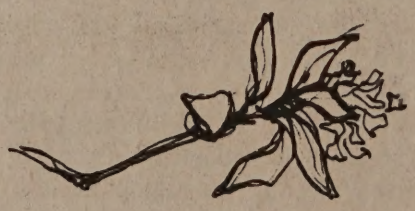
Additional Notes

The latest update on our Capital Improvements Fund campaign: More than $5,500 has been raised so far. Thank you to all who have so generously donated. Our goal is $20,000. Anyone desiring to contribute can mail his or her tax-deductible contribution to PO Box 201.

On Sunday, October 9 (10:00 a.m.), we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Gould Farm. The Rev. Richard Lindgren will be our guest preacher. He is currently the president of the Gould Farm Board of Directors and Lutheran chaplain at Northeastern and Boston Universities. All are welcome to attend.

The *Monterey Messenger* has made its debut. It is a twice-monthly newsletter detailing the events and programs of our church. If you would like to be on our mailing list just send your name and address to PO Box 182.

STEWARDSHIP — What is it? As the church enters our fall stewardship program we'll be taking an in-depth look at the wholistic way we live and serve as God's people. Stewardship is more than just pledging money to support church programs. It's recognizing that all we possess is a gift from God; that we are called to be stewards (managers-in-trust) of God's creation.



VOX ED

The *News* welcomes a sister publication in town, *The Monterey Messenger*. Our felicitations are especially warm since the *Messenger* is starting off just the way we did, as the newsletter of the Monterey Church. With its two issues a month, plus the continuing Church page in the *News*, we have a measure (one of many) of the impressive energy emanating from the center of town.

Monterey's United Church has a tradition of literary, as well as spiritual creativity. The only published history of Monterey is *New England's Monterey, Stories of the Town — Its Church*, by Julius Miner and Margery Mansfield, Pridemark Press, Baltimore, c. 1951. It was privately printed, "Sponsored by the Monterey Congregational Church"; the first 34 pages contain many of the historic anecdotes Julius regaled us with, a generation ago; the next 36 are by Monterey's poet laureate, and detail the church's trials and triumphs from Adonijah Bidwell in 1750 to Raymond Ward in 1950.

Who can predict just what direction the *Monterey Messenger* will take in the next two hundred years? There is a good chance that the *Monterey News* will keep right on going, in tandem, so that the *Messenger* can put its major focus on inspiring and recording our community's spiritual development. I predict that the audio and video arts will also contribute their share in communicating, for the present and the future, the inner growth of this extraordinary town.

— David P. McAllester

SOVIET STUDENTS REALLY COMING THIS TIME

After a delay in their schedule that prevented their being present at the September community supper, the college students from the Thorez Institute of Foreign Languages in Moscow arrived at SUNY in Albany the following Friday. They will be in Monterey October 12, arriving about 2:00 or 2:30 for a tour of Monterey enterprises and a talk with Town officials about our government, schools, taxes and kindred municipal subjects. At 6:30 they will be at the community supper in the Church basement and at 7:30 will join in a dialogue with the Montereyans who are present. We will ask each student to tell, briefly, where he or she is from and talk about his or her ambitions and life in the U. S. S. R. The discussion should be particularly interesting because of the development of "*perestroika*" and "*glasnost*."

Bring a covered dish if you come at 6:30 (a bit more than usual, for the students). If you can't get there until 7:30 for the discussion, it is not necessary to bring food. For further information write Bernard Kleban, PO Box 141, Monterey 01245, or call 528-1847 (keep trying if no answer).

— Bernard Kleban

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PERSONAL NOTES

Congratulations to **Joanne O'Connell** and **Christopher Foster**, who were married in Sheffield on September 10, with a reception following at Rock Ridge. Joanne is the daughter of **Georgiana O'Connell** and the late **Eugene O'Connell**. Following a wedding trip to Nova Scotia, the couple will live in Fall River. Joanne graduated from Mt. Everett and the School of Architecture, University of Notre Dame in Indiana. She is an architect in the office of Holmes and Edwards in Boston. Christopher is a stained glass artist with a shop in Newport, Rhode Island. He attended the Beaux Arts in Geneva, Switzerland.

And congratulations to **John Humphrey** and **Maggie Leonard**, who were married September 17 at Rock Ridge.

Also, best wishes to **Jason Brown** and **Nicky Hearon**, who were married October 1.

Congratulations to **Paul** and **Rae Pedersen** on the birth of son **Ian James** on July 19 at Fairview Hospital; also to grandparents **Alf** and **Lena Pedersen** and sister **Amber**. Welcome home also to Alf and Lena, who, along with daughter **Hannah** enjoyed a two-week visit to Norway. They had a wonderful time traveling and visiting relatives. Alf was born there, and it was his first trip back since age six—exciting!

Jack and **Margaret Higgins** were in town calling on old Monterey friends, including **A. Wallace Tryon**. Brookbend looked quite different to them. Twenty years ago they owned the property and ran a successful restaurant and inn there. The Higginses are now living in Batavia, Illinois.

Joel Kalodner, son of **Nancy Kalodner** of Beartown Road and a senior at Phillips Academy, Andover, has just been named a semi-finalist for the National Merit Scholarship Award. He is one of 15,000 students across the country eligible for one of the 4,500 awards given each year to outstanding seniors. Congratulations, Joel!

Welcome back to **Lew** and **Joyce Scheffey**, who have just returned from Colorado, where they attended a Land Trust Rally in Estes Park and visited new granddaughter **Adrienne Scheffey**, three months. They of course enjoyed seeing Adrienne's parents, **Stephen** and **Debbie**, also.

An update on the busy Westenburg family! **Richard** recently hosted a two-week trip to East Germany and Prague to trace important places associated with Bach, Handel and Mozart. Shortly after returning, he conducted a concert at the Caramoor Music Festival and then departed for Omaha to begin rehearsals for the first American performance of Handel's opera, *Partenope*. Meanwhile, **Judith Malafronte** (Mrs. R. W.) appeared as featured soloist with the Boston Museum Trio at St. James Church in Great Barrington on August 13 as part of the Berkshire Friends of Baroque Music Series. In October, she will go to Milwaukee's Skylight Opera for the leading role in Monteverdi's *Return of Ulysses*, with time out for concerts with the Handel Festival Orchestra at Washington's Kennedy Center and with the Baltimore Symphony. Their son **Mario**, who was ten months old on Labor Day (the littlest Westenburg star) enjoyed much of his summer on Eaton Road and on his mother's trips.

Congratulations to **Gareth** and **Rita Backhaus** for their new appointments in the Monterey Police Department. Gareth has been moved to a permanent position on the force, and Rita is Police Department Matron. She is planning to take some special training for dealing with child abuse and rape crisis, as well as police work in general.

Twenty students began classes at the Monterey Kindergarten this fall. We wish them all well as they begin this important year. The fourteen Monterey students are **Todd Bynack**, **Maggie Clawson**, **Joanne Futrell**, **Kimberly Gero**, **James Hall**, **Gordon Hamm**, **Deirdre Higgins**, **Dylan Moulton**, **David Reid, Jr.**, **Andrew Shaw**, **Michael Shea**, **Stephanie Stucker**, **Kate Vallianos** and **Darcy Whitten**. Working with teacher **Susan Andersen** are **Linda Thorpe**, aide, and **Andrea Thomas**, special aide. Have a great school year, all of you!

Condolences to **Lena Greene**, who is nursing a broken foot. Here's wishing you a speedy recovery, Lena!

Happy Birthday Wishes to **Rick Mielke** on August 30, to **Jeff Gauthier** on September 13, and to **myself** on September 26. And Happy Anniversary to **Bob** and **Barbara Gauthier** on September 17.

Aren't there more birthdays? Please jot down your news items for me and drop them at the General Store, or in the mail to me, just Route 23. Or give me a call evenings, 528-4519. I appreciate your contributions!

— Stephanie Grotz

ELEANOR KIMBERLEY

NTEREY WASTELINES

cling Newspaper Saves Us 3,000 Dollars

irty-one tons of newspaper have been taken away from Monterey newspaper recycling shed since last November, the first newspapers hit the floor. And that's not all. After ped George Oleen and his scouts load eight tons on Sep- er 25, we still had more than fifteen tons in and around hed.

ıe year of recycling is not yet over, but we can make a con- tive estimate anyway. The Town of Monterey has saved ıst $3,000 by not throwing newspapers into the compactor other unspecified garbage. This shows how a concerted effort can have almost immediate results in savings for one.

few important words yet about our present paper recycling m. While helping to load one of our loads onto the big field truck, I learned the final grading process they must ırough. They pull out all of the glossy magazines, any ic and such stuff. So, please, don't put magazines into the paper shed. Don't put your newspapers into plastic bags. akes more work for volunteers. Do tie your bundles, or hem into paper grocery bags. Loose newspaper is manage- with the crates we usually have on hand at the shed, but bundles handle better than anything else. Papers are lled by four to eight people before they are dumped into ecycling hopper in Springfield. Each of those eight people es as s/he tosses a well-tied bundle to the next volunteer.

ear ye! Hear ye! An important event is coming up at the sfer station. The Town of Monterey is sponsoring a fall ı-up of hard-to-get-rid-of items. On the weekend of Octo- 8 and 9, there will be special containers at the transfer on for the disposal of mattresses, couches and other things h have been next to impossible to find a place for. This t will be subsidized by the Town, since disposal of any- g is so expensive now.

ou will still have to pay part of the disposal cost for these s. The Selectmen, at their September 19 regular meeting, olished a list of prices which is included in Ellen Pearson's le elsewhere in this issue. Please realize that these prices, igh they seem high, are lower than the real disposal costs. 't try to create special categories or prices for yourself. this special clean-up effort succeeds, it may be repeated in future. Remember that you can always take metal and iances to the Berkshire Clean-Way bin at the transfer station. A price is established for each item or load, and that is collected by Bob Hadsell for Clean-Way.

On another subject, you may have heard rumors that the Springfield state-sponsored materials reclamation facility (MRF) is not going to be built, due to lack of state funds. The rumors are not true. There have been some delays, but the project is going ahead. Both general contractor and eventual facility operator have recently been chosen, and ground will soon be broken for the facility. I'm sure there will be more delays, but we can still look forward to easier recycling in the not-too-distant future.

— Wayne Burkhart

CONSERVATION COMMISSION NEWS

At its monthly meeting September 12, the Conservation Commission voted to allow a limited drawdown of Lake Garfield, for spring flood control purposes only, of three feet. The gate will be opened October 6 and the water level stabilized on October 15, or when the drawdown has reached three feet, whichever occurs first.

People who have boats moored in the water should watch the lake level after October 5 so they won't be left high and dry.

— Bonner J. McAllester

NOTICE

The annual drawdown of Lake Garfield will begin on October 6, 1988, and will be completed by October 15, 1988. Refilling will be accomplished by mid-April, 1989, barring late spring flood danger. The timing of both drawdown and refill meet the datelines requested by the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Wildlife. The small lake (the area contained from Point westerly to Tyringham Road) will be drawn down to the same elevation as the large lake.

The above complies with the Order of Conditions issued by the Monterey Conservation Commission, dated August 27, 1987.

Matt O. Williams, Chairman
Rick Mielke
Georgiana C. O'Connell
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SURREY TRIPS IN THE '20s and '30s

In the triangle [of Route 23 and Sandisfield Road] many years ago stood a small cottage which was called Jolly Folly. The cottage was built by Janet Waring and Frances Gillman, who came here from Yonkers, New York. They were two maiden ladies and had a maid to do the work. They bought the old farm from the Townsend family and sold the cottage to Mrs. Thomas Reed, who came here to live from Torrington, Connecticut. Mrs. Reed divorced her husband and married Mark Whitney, who lived in Hartsville. They sold the cottage to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith. Russell was one of the partners in the firm of Smith and Fargo. There was a fire which destroyed the cottage completely, and Russell started to build a new house and lived there for some time, selling the new house to Ellery G. Heath. Across the road Ellery built the barn which had room for two cars upstairs and cattle down. After Ellery died, the place was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Funk. The Funks have two children and are the present owners.

Next is the old Heath place. Francis Heath, who was born in Tyringham, came over the mountain and married Milton Judd's daughter, Cynthia Judd. They lived in this farm house for years, brought into the world a daughter, whom they named Mabel Heath. Mabel married Noble Beckwith, having a large church wedding in the little white church in the village of Monterey. Francis Heath worked the farm besides having a Livery Stable where he rented out surries with the fringe on top. One of the drivers was Ed Steadman. The trips would be with a wagon full of summer boarders going for a day's shopping or sightseeing trips to Gt. Barrington, Lee or Lenox. There were several different trips that could be made in a day. One was going to West Otis, turning left on the road leading to the beautiful Tyringham Valley, where you would see fields of grain, and pastures of cows grazing. Some of the fields would have a herd of sheep consisting of forty or more. At the end of the valley was Lee, where many paper mills were located. Turning left again the road would bring you to South Lee, where the Beartown Mountain Road starts back to Monterey. Arriving at the top of the mountain about noon, the passengers would open a basket of goodies that had been prepared by the boarding house mistress in the morning before they left. The fields were full of wild blueberries. Many of the passengers had never seen a blueberry growing and would bring back enough berries to the boarding house for hot blueberry muffins for next morning's breakfast. The horses got their dinners consisting of four quarts of home grown oats in a nose basket. After lunch and berry picking they would continue this long road back to Monterey. They would pass the old Burgoyne House where General Burgoyne stayed for a night or two, then through the old center, past two old cemeteries, also passing by the training grounds location. The Historical Society has a plaque all ready to be secured to a boulder to be placed on these grounds. They arrived back home in time for supper after a day well spent.

— A. Wallace Tryon
History of Monterey ms. 1973

SUSAN McALLESTER

Wallace Tryon and the window box petunias conclude another summer of porch-sitting across from the Post Office.

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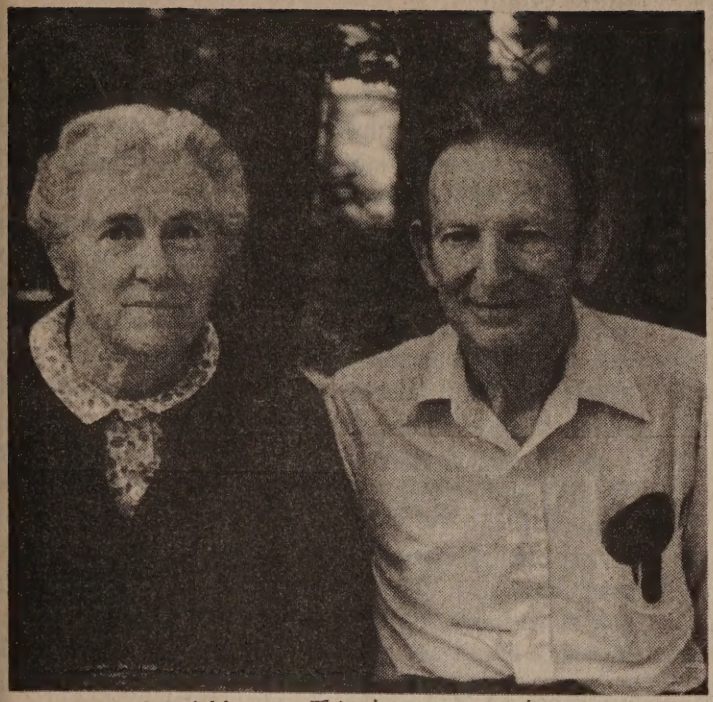

JIM LAFFEY

Jane and Bob Volckhausen. This photo came too late to accompany the interview in the September issue.

SOUTHERN BERKSHIRE FARM PRODUCE MAP AVAILABLE

A map is now available of 67 active farm stands in the 14 towns of southern Berkshire County. Products are listed by town and by category. Products include: sweet corn, tree fruit, berries, eggs, honey, maple sugar products, beef, sheep, pigs, fowl, nursery stock, Christmas trees and fresh flowers. A special feature of the map is an identification of producers using low-chemical input methods and those who are organic.

Monterey has eight farm stand entries: Gould Farm's Road Side Stand, Susan and Rita LeProvost's Serenity Herbs, Bob Thieriot's Tall Pine Farm, Kenneth Heath's K & L Piggery, Joe Baker and Bonner McAllester's Monterey Maple, Janice Lanoue's Windcrest Rabbitry, Richard and Roger Tryon's Lowland Farm and Susan Sellew and Wayne Dunlop's Rawson Brook Farm/Monterey Chevre.

The purpose of the map is to support local producers, provide nutritious and safe food, maintain a strong agricultural base, keep land in cultivation, and preserve open space.

The map is available at the General Store, Town Hall, Town Library, and by calling the Berkshire County Cooperative Extension at 448-8285.

— Cathy A. Roth

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Last year at the end of the summer I participated with my wife Margaret in a meeting of the Conservation Commission which had to determine the guidelines for the Selectmen for the winter drawdown of Lake Garfield.

By far the large majority of the participants spoke in favor of maintaining the drawdown as done in the previous years, asserting that it was the only effective and inexpensive way to control the weeds. Some speakers pointed out that other lakes, with similar problems, are envying Lake Garfield for its possibility of drawdown and that our lake had been able in recent years to keep the weeds under a certain control, thus preventing the lake from deteriorating as have many others in the Berkshires. Only very few people spoke in favor of eliminating or reducing the drawdown and Ms. McAllester, speaking at the end of the meeting, came out with a "study" showing that the drawdown was not very useful because it was helping in killing some kinds of weeds but at the same time was helping other weeds to grow.

Unfortunately the Conservation Commission took a kind of Solomonic decision and instructed the Selectmen to drawdown the lake only partially.

The results can be seen by everyone who uses the lake. Lake Garfield has never had weeds like this year. In July it was already in worse condition than it is usually in September. In the large part of the lake where I have my house, there are weeds this year where there have never been before, right up to the surface. During the weekends, when the activity of motor boats in the lake is higher, the weeds cut by the propellers create vast floating masses reaching, according to the currents, different shore areas and constituting a hazard to swimmers.

I really hope that what happened this summer will serve at least as a lesson for the future and that such an important tool to control weeds like the one Lake Garfield is very lucky to have—the drawdown—will not be wasted. Of course, if anyone can come up with any other proven and inexpensive way to control weeds, the Conservation Commission and the Selectmen should consider it, but until then they have the responsibility to preserve Lake Garfield from a deadly deterioration through what has shown to be, so far, the only effective way to control the growing of weeds.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carlo Romairone

Crayfish in milfoil B. Mc.

To the Editor:

This summer my wife accompanied me to the Monterey Festival at the invitation of a dear friend who lives in yo community as well as Sarasota, Florida, our winter hom

Sitting on the beautiful lawn looking out over a lovely vi of the lake and watching and hearing fine jazz day and ni was a memorable event in our lives.

As founder and president of a 1,400-member volunteer j society in Sarasota, I know the problems of securing ma musicians for any festival. It seemed to me that the produc had done a spectacular educational job in running a musi spectrum which ranged from traditional to bop to fusion South American. George Wein couldn't have made be choices of themes or groups.

We also met people who knew of our own Florida conc and had been to some. The fraternity of jazz lovers is wo wide. Topping the musical menu was the delightful chu service the next morning and the art show up the road. As probably know, keeping an event going takes commitm and consistency. We are having our ninth annual festiva Sarasota this April. We have built sizable audiences du those years. They help raise the value of homes, help economic stability of the community and are good for artistic level of the area.

We hope Monterey continues with the kind of high leve and jazz activity it had this past year. Congratulations a to the people in the group who actually did the hard wor they deserve much credit.

To the Editor:

How is a $600 value for only $20? Impossible, you say. Well, the Southern Berkshire Volunteer Ambulance Squad of Great Barrington will give you four trips per year to the hospital for $20 if a member. If not a member, it will be $100 to come to your house and $5.00 loaded per mile to the hospital. That's a minimum of $150 per trip—four trips, $600. Get it—it's the greatest bargain, and they are superior, fast, and prepared. Can you afford not to support such a worthy cause? I know—I've used their ambulance twice this year and no bill, having been a member for 20 years.

Applications are in the General Store or write: PO Box 576, Great Barrington, MA 01230. Your money goes for new equipment when you don't need the ambulance.

— Betsey Whitestone Camp
Elephant Rock Road

COMMON SENSE FROM THE PULPIT

It was the custom of the minister of the little white Congregational Church in Monterey to shake hands with everyone at the close of the service. He always stood at the left-hand side with a word of welcome, and a great smile. In those days some 60 or more campers with their counselors and the director of Fernway Camp, Dr. Nathaniel H. Ives, were thus greeted at the close of the service. My, how Mr. Abercrombie's hand must have ached afterward! I used to observe him wearily crossing the road to The Parsonage (after locking up), doubtless looking forward to his Sunday dinner.

We learned much common sense from that pulpit. Mine is that certain recollection of a particular Sunday sermon entitled "WHAT IS WHAT and WHAT IS *NOT* WHAT"—all backed up by the valiant handshake at the door. I am now in my late 80's and still try to follow what is NOT what . . . .

— Ottalie K. Williams

To the Editor:

Bob Thieriot and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who contributed to our bike ride for the Jimmy Fund. We rode on the 13th and 14th of August from Sturbridge to Provincetown, a distance of 194 miles.

We were among 846 other bikers who started from Sturbridge. We stopped at water and food stops along the way sponsored by volunteers. There were also volunteers who followed us with medical supplies and spare parts for our bikes. We spent Saturday night at the Maritime Academy on Buzzards Bay. Sunday morning we woke up at 4:30, had breakfast and finished our ride to Provincetown. We arrived there at 1:00, had lunch and swam for awhile. At 4:00 we all boarded the ferry back to Boston and then were bussed back to Sturbridge.

Janet Thieriot was very pleased to receive a poster from Bob signed by over 600 bikers wishing her good luck and a speedy recovery. They were a wonderful group of people. Together we raised over $800,000 for the Jimmy Fund. The money is used at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. The Institute is one of 20 federally designated comprehensive cancer centers. They provide programs in basic and clinical cancer research and comprehensive treatment for children and adults with cancer. They also provide training and education for future cancer specialists and community outreach services in cancer control and prevention throughout New England.

Thank you all for your support.

— Roger Tryon
Bob Thieriot

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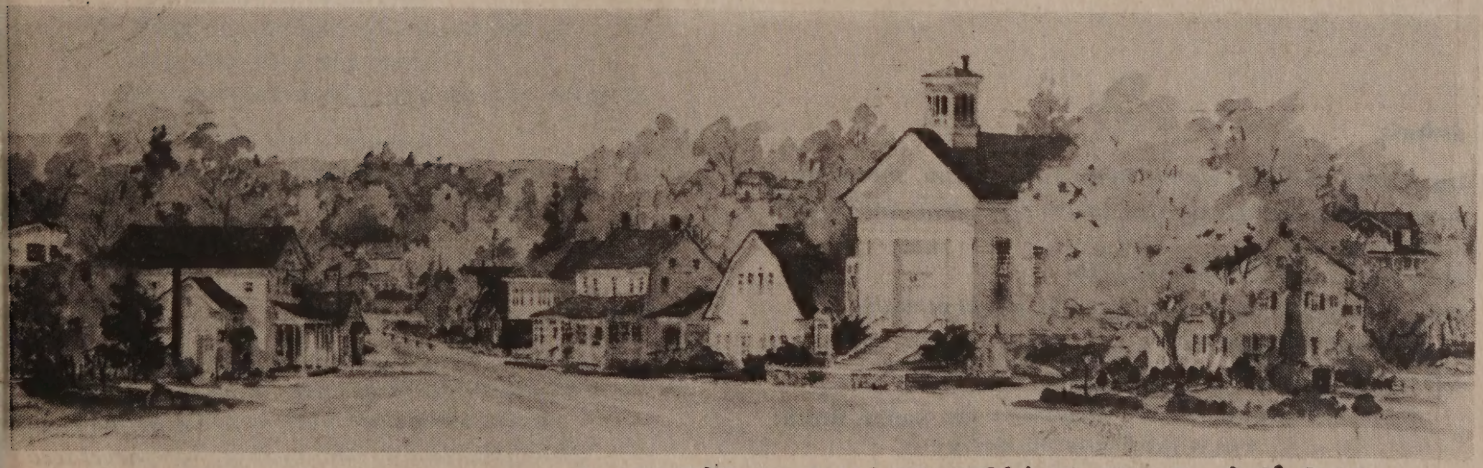

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Mosquito in the White Night

Like the German amateur pilot
Who skimmed across Mother Russia
And landed in Red Square,
A single mosquito
Braves the cliff face
Of the Leningrad Hotel
And, of the thousand windows,
Enters mine, out of the night
That never got dark.
She buzzes me, swooping in
At 4:00 a.m., with that dip,
On landing, that changes her pitch.
The familiar melody, her tiny glasnost,
Reaches across time and space
To make me feel at home.

Bridges of the Neva

I don't know how long
The three draw-bridges
In my sweep of the Neva
Have been up.
From 2:00 to 4:00 a.m., they say.

By 4:30 the last in the procession
Of miscellaneous ships
Is pontificating downstream.
The bridges begin their slow
Detumescence; the blocked flow
Of rumbling wheels
Begins again, civicirculating
In the old capital's arteries,
Sclerotic with palaces.

— David McAllester

NAMELESS

It has no bounds
for it is boundless.

It has no creator
for it is timeless.

It needs no illumination
for it is light.

It cannot be conceived
for it is beyond conception.

It cannot be named
for it is nameless.

— Ann M. LaVallee

asthma.

the hunter, treading warily, hand hung to gun, shoulders
thrusting up through his eyes, arrow erect, bulk diminished,
floating
awareness of space enterable, the
prey, in the still circle stands, all the world attentive
to his lungs' diastole,
condition sine qua non.

— Stefan Brecht

UNTITLED

I wish that I had
never seed

A weed.

— Kitty Muse

LAKE GARFIELD — 8:00 A.M.

A constant roaring motor,
A high pitched squealing saw.
A trembling bough cracks
and bangs the earth.

Green needles and limp branches —
A small bite for the greedy
Crunching noise machine.

This is the morning the Orange giant
Ate green trees for breakfast.

— EW

LAKE GARFIELD — '88

The muting rain
Dances wildly on the lake.
Surrounding hills disappear
Into the flat greyness of the day.
Two dimensional pines
Loom from the gloom
As threatening Celtic warriors.
No color is seen
Beyond the weeds, ferns and berries
Which press against the screen.
Their colors sing in triumph.

— EW

LAKE GARFIELD — '88

Sight can not penetrate
The curtain of cotton fog
Hung beyond the porch screening.
At a distance a dog barks —
His aloneness echoes through the whiteness.

Slowly the scene revolves.
From the pine tops — enter the Sun.
The mist flees, the water flash dances.
A goose family arrives and
Sedately passes in single line perfection:

The Town beach lifeguard appears
At the ready with rowboat, umbrella and pink shorts.
Soon comes humankind of various ages.
Some swim, some leap, some chatter.
Day progresses until the sun sets and a
Cooling breeze ends the play.

— EW

SHAKESPEAREAN DEATH AGONY OF THE YEAR

Ah,
how August stiffened
into October
September come crisp
or sweat-limp in between.
The year curled up like fire
into puff-ash November
dear dreadful
coalblack dead December, and done.

— Peter Murkett

HITCH-HIKER

The maples shed their leaves today
In a shower of red and orange and gold.
One fluttered to my shoulder
As I walked a country road.
There the small leaf rested
'Til the wind took it away
To go and join its brothers
In the meadow at their play.

— Eleanor Kimberley

NEW MARLBOROUGH LAND TRUST GIFT

Ronald McK. Melvin, acting president of the New Marlborough Land Preservation Trust, has announced that the nonprofit organization has received a gift of ten acres from Sheldon E. Fenn, Monterey. The parcel of land is located in Southfield and is situated between the Umpachene River and Southfield Cemetery.

The gift of land was given in memory of Fenn's wife, Beatrice A., who has historical New Marlborough ties. Her parents, Mildred and A. Lincoln Terry, and her grandparents, Walter and Lucy Sardam, had also owned the property and had resided in New Marlborough.

Melvin said he accepted the generous gift of Mr. Fenn on behalf of the trust and welcomed Mr. Fenn as an honorary life member of the Trust.

Fenn's gift of land brings the total land owned by the Trust to 340 acres, Melvin said. Last August, the Trust received 329 acres from the Berkshire Land Trust and Conservation Fund on behalf of Southfield Associates, a group of seven New Marlborough landowners who purchased the property when it came on the market about ten years ago.

Melvin added that in addition to looking after land properties received, the New Marlborough Land Preservation Trust had begun discussions with several Township landowners who are interested in granting conservation easements to the Trust. Easements can protect the conservation value of land by limiting the uses and changes an owner may make. Easements also provide the landowner with income and estate tax advantages. The Trust would monitor and enforce the restrictions.

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WILD ANIMALS: CROSSING THE LINE

One of my childhood dreams was to have a pet mountain lion. Another was to have a pet coyote. In fact, there were quite a few species that shifted into my image of myself, strolling down the sidewalk with some representative of wilderness padding silently at my side. Part of the appeal was that for everyone but me this pet would still be wild and even dangerous. I would be the only one who could influence my lion or wolf or silver fox. A single word or signal from me would transform this frightened, snarling, even ugly (because of all the teeth) creature into a docile companion, with sleek coat over rippling muscles, controlled power and wild grace.

I have had a lot of pets, but very few wild ones. I've kept a few wounded birds and orphaned mice, but they never strolled the sidewalks with me for all to see. When I was pretty young, a couple of neighbors had experiences with wild pets which caused me to put my idea into the "dream" category, permanently. The father of one of my friends got an ocelot. (He also had a gun collection, and all of his guns were known to be loaded, at all times. At least that's what all us kids were told. This was so we wouldn't think they were NOT loaded and take to playing with them.) Anyway, the ocelot turned out to be loaded also. It was fairly small, as wild cats go, and not nearly as impressive to look at as the mountain lion of my dreams. Even so it was a killer and I guess we were all lucky that its first and only victim was the big German shepherd that belonged to the fraternity guys next door. My friend's father had the ocelot trained to come to a whistle, pretty much, but the thing I learned from this dog-slaying is that you can't count on maintaining your influence over a wild creature, especially when something as instinct-arousing as a big domestic dog presents itself, chained up in the yard next door. What I don't recall is what Mr. Conklin (I remember him as always being dressed in plush maroon bathrobe) did when the ocelot ignored his whistle and trashed the German shepherd. I have an image of his striding angrily into the side yard, with a couple of fancy revolvers in each hand, and drilling the ocelot. More likely the ocelot came on home after a bit and then went to live at the zoo.

This certainly is what happened to our neighbors' pet raccoon up the street. One of my friends had a cute raccoon as a pet. It grew bigger and turned out to have a temper, we don't know why, and finally my friend's mother had to take over the feeding and handling of the raccoon because she at least was much bigger than it was. Even so it managed to rip open her arm, sending her to the hospital for stitches and sending itself to the zoo.

Lately our lives here in Monterey have been influenced b one or more raccoons and I know from talking to friends i town that we are not the only ones. There is a lot of corn an quite a few chickens gone to raccoons this past month an some of us, if we could get close enough to our raccoons, woul be only to happy to blast them away with pearl-handled de ringers, or at least whistle them up and ship them to the zoo Nice to live in the country, nice to see the furry wild animal but not so nice to lose crops and livestock.

As I write, our raccoon is quite close at hand. I can almo see her or him out the window, way up in a big hemlock abou 50 feet from the house. Our dog has neither eaten nor suppe since she ran the varmint up there about 9 o'clock last nigh I could wish she had relaxed her vigilance some, allowing th big fat marauder a chance to slip away. I feel a little nervou having the raccoon so close at hand. There isn't any more corn but we do have some chickens left, scratching around in th dirt in plain view from the hemlock tree.

We also have a baby porcupine. It showed up two week ago in the top of one of our three productive apple tree munching on apples. At the time we were all charmed, espe cially our six visitors from England. We all took lots of photo graphs. Now there is quite a pile of unripe apples under eac tree, and every apple has a cute little baby porcupine bite take out of it. We've been forced to make unripe applesauce an unripe apple crisp, and it is a nuisance trimming out the cut little bite-marks, which are full of ants.

Despite all these dangers and inconveniences, I like to b around animals, especially wild ones. I like to squint a little a our cat Chutney and pretend she is that mountain lion of m dreams. She actually has the perfect nose for it. Her nose look just like the nose of the mountain lion in my *Pictorial Guide t the Mammals of North America,* by Leonard Lee Rue II famous wildlife photographer. I think having Chutney in th house and the raccoons and porcupines just outside gets u close enough to wildness to keep us from having to hav ocelots or coyotes for pets. The birdfeeder, the zoo, the wildli photographers and filmmakers all help, too. There is som line, probably drawn a little differently for each of us, whic we don't really want to cross. We want to get right up to it an look over, but those of us who stood up and put clothes o and planted corn don't really want to go back again.

— Bonner J. McAlleste

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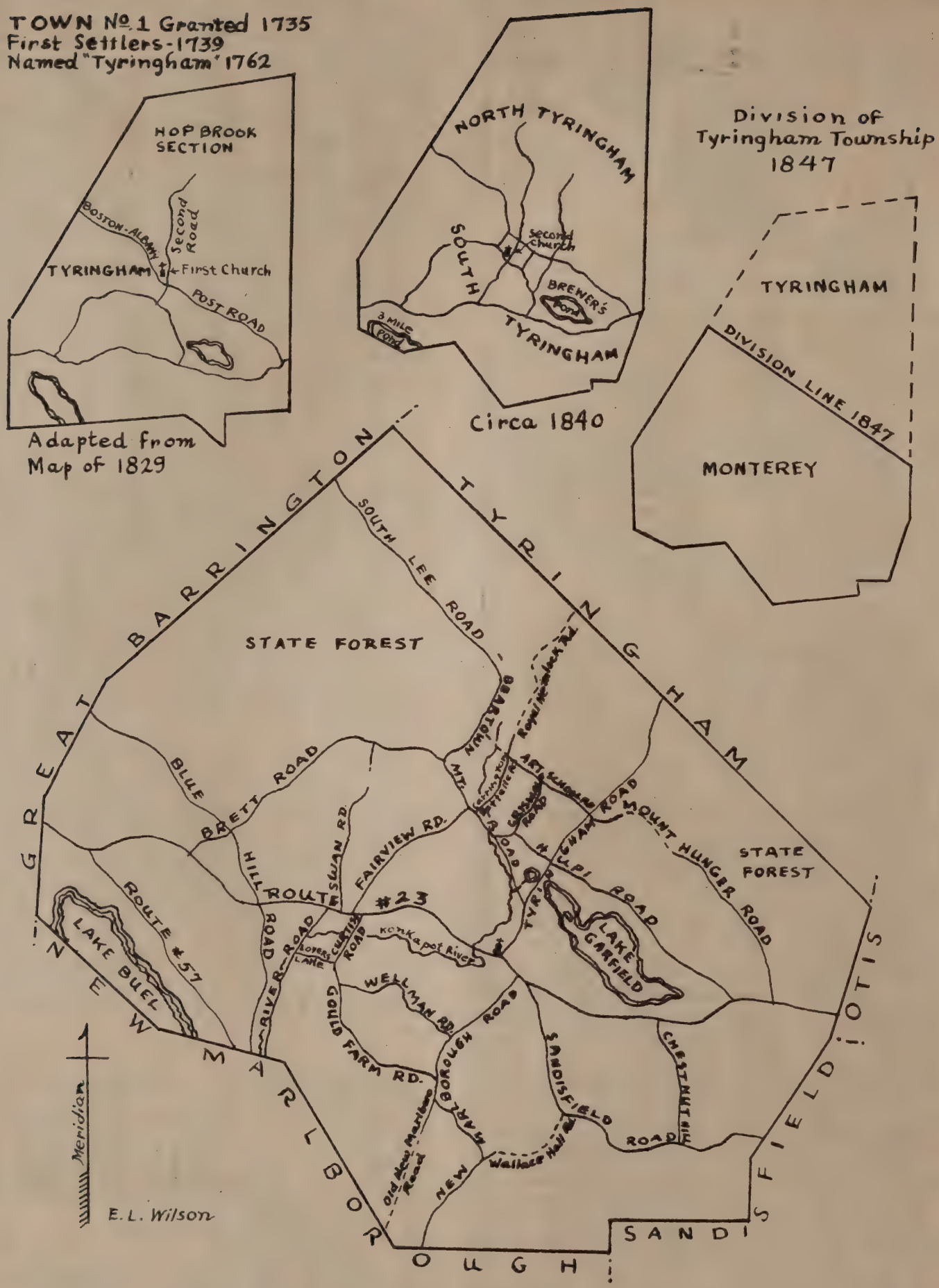

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MONTEREY PRESERVATION TRUST NOTES

The Monterey Preservation Land Trust held its annual meeting on September 3 and elected the following board of directors:

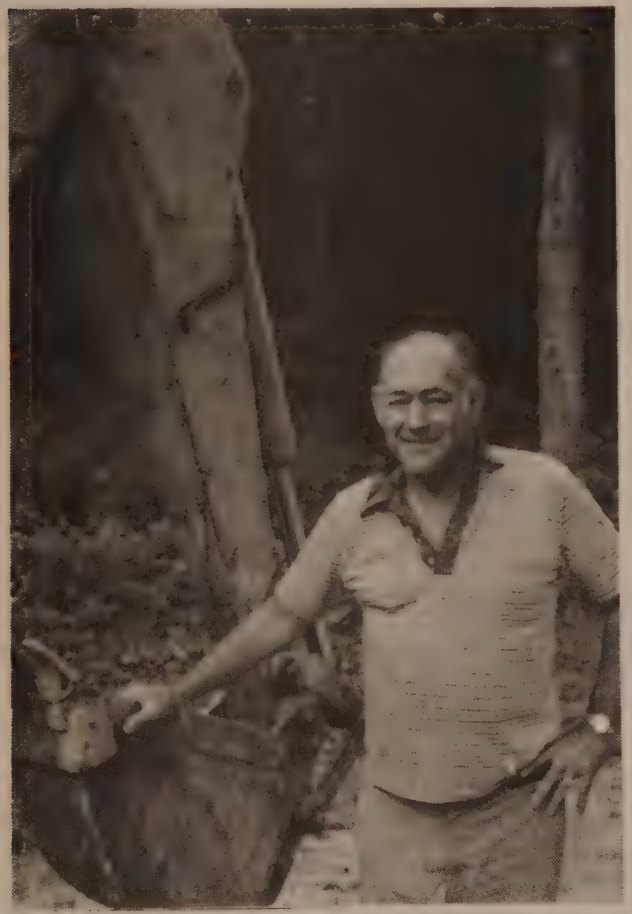
Jane & Gordon Bowles
Nicky Hearon
Jason Brown
Robert Emmel
Carol Edelman
Chris Dunlop
Andrea Chase
Erik Roper
Peter Murkett
Robert Rausch
Joyce & Lewis Scheffey
Peter Vallianos
Roger Tryon

On September 17 our new board met at Dianne and Bob Rausch's home to elect the following officers:

Roger Tryon, *President*
Bob Thieriot, *Vice President*
Joyce Scheffey, *Secretary and Clerk*
Andrea Chase, *Treasurer*

The board of directors, officers and members of the Monterey Preservation Land Trust offer free advisory service for land owners considering preservation, development, or partial development of their land. The rural character of our town is important to all of us. Let's all strive to keep it that way.

— Roger Tryon



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End of season.

MONTEREY LIBRARY NOTES

The Library is now winding down after the hectic summer. We were very busy all summer long, not only with our special programs, but also with the usual increase in use over the vacation months.

The reading-discussion series "Crime and the Cultural Landscape" was an enormous success, I thought. Everyone who participated seemed genuinely enthusiastic. It is really the participants who make or break something like that, not the speakers or the organizers. Many thanks to all of you who took part. It won't be long before we start planning next year's series!

The Library owes a great debt to Leslie Scutellaro for organizing not one but *two* programs for children; she did an outstanding job. The crafts and stories she did with the dozen or so children in the Greek Mythology program were very well appreciated; likewise, the *Supersleuth* reading program.

The Library book sale on the day of the Fire Company's Steak Roast netted us some money and got rid of some of the donated books.

After so much happening, it is nice for a change to sit back and wait for the winter to close in. Now we have time to do what the Library is there to help us do — read books and think.

— John Higgins
Chairman, Library Trustees

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WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY

Shawn Morse

For those of you who don't know Shawn Morse, I guarantee that you know her work. She's the owner of Signs & Graphics on Route 23 just outside of town. Her painted and carved signs are everywhere. "I can't drive 50 feet out of the driveway without seeing something I've done," she says.

The daughter of furniture designers, Shawn grew up in Old Lyme, CT. She studied dance at the High School of Performing Arts in New York City and then attended Juilliard. Later on, she got married and had two children. For the next five years she stayed at home to raise her two boys.

After a while, her true entrepreneurial spirit beckoned, and she decided to open her own business. The result, in 1971, was the very successful Cafe in the Mews in Stockbridge. "We opened and within half an hour every single chair was filled," remembers Shawn. Though the cafe was still successful five years later, she became somewhat bored, sold the business, and began looking for a new challenge. It wasn't long before Shawn was the founder, owner, and publisher of the *Berkshire Restaurant and Entertainment Guide*. Seven years and one divorce later she sold that business; it was time for a new challenge.

Four years ago, Shawn found herself standing on a beach in the Virgin Islands puzzling her next move. Between tennis and windsurfing, she decided to help out the girlfriend of a local businessman by painting the front of his boat repair shop. During their ten days of work they were approached several times by people asking if they were signpainters. The two women, neither having any experience whatsoever in painting signs, agreed to pursue the next inquiry.

Sure enough, the next person who approached them wanted a sign. They took the job and agreed to meet the next day. When they showed up, they were stunned. He wanted a huge, eight-foot-by-sixteen-foot sign to stand on a hillside in St. Thomas. "Let's start with the border," Shawn's friend nervously whispered. Three days later it was finished; The sign looked beautiful, and they were inundated with work.

After six months of painting signs, storefronts, boats, life preservers, name plates, you-name-it, Shawn decided it was time to return home to the Berkshires. "I rented an apartment in Lenox and tried to recapture what happened in St. Thomas." Signs & Graphics was born.

"At first, business was slow," she admits, "until I moved to Monterey." She adds, "If it were not for the Monterey community, I would not have a business today. I was a stranger here, and I felt completely embraced by the townspeople. They came to my rescue, without being asked, they supported me — I'm very grateful."

In her increasingly limited free time, Shawn enjoys tennis, skiing, windsurfing on Lake Garfield, and dance. She attends Jacob's Pillow regularly and visits Provincetown, which she loves, at least once a year. She's in the process of building her own house now on Lake Buel Road.

Do you think Shawn will get bored with making signs and need a new challenge? After meeting with her, I don't think so. "I adore making signs. Each one is completely different, a new challenge. I'm very happy doing what I'm doing." So the next

JIM LAFFEY

time you're driving around and see a nice painted or carved sign, think of Shawn Morse because, chances are, it's her work.

— Jim Laffey

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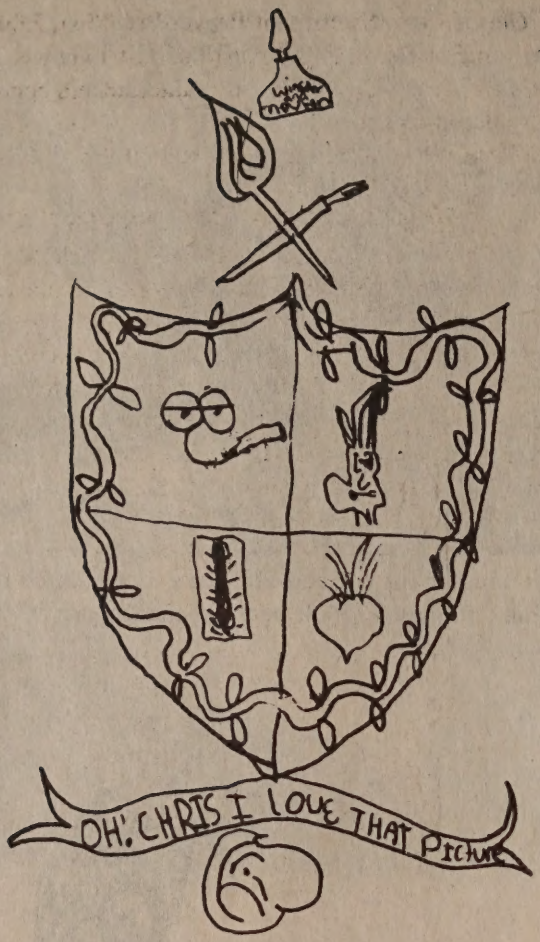

THE MONTEREY GRANGE

The Monterey Grange, No. 291, met September 7, when, at an open meeting, Special Deputy Alicia Brazie and suite installed the officers for 1988-1989. The recent food sale was a great success; the Grange wants to thank all who helped. The Grange had an exhibit at the Barrington Fair. The recent fund raiser was a success, too, thanks to all who donated prizes, sold tickets, and bought tickets.

A certificate from Ward's Nursery was won by Lisa Simoneil, Housatonic. A gift certificate from the Monterey General Store was won by Wayne Spence, Richmond. A basket of groceries donated by Grange members was won by David Brown, Great Barrington. Cheer, donated by Mr. and Mrs. R. Butler, was won by S. Robertaille, Sandisfield. Turkey and all the fixings, donated by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vickerman, was won by L. Eichstedt, Great Barrington. A certificate from Big Y was won by Betty Wilbur, Sandisfield. And an afghan, donated by Etta Shively, was won by R. Stemmer, Sheffield.

The Grange met September 21 for a ritual review in charge of Peter Martin. Two applications for membership were taken in first and second degrees which will be conferred October 5. The Grange won fourth prize for an exhibit at the Great Barrington Fair. Chairman Alice Shafter wants to thank all who helped.

The Grange has been invited to Pittsfield Grange, No. 14, on October 9. There will be a speaker on Item 3 on the November 8 ballot.

— Mary Wallace
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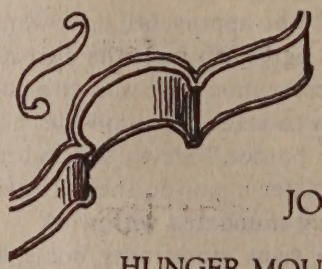

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JAMES E. LANOUE

James E. Lanoue, oldest son of Joseph and Janice Lanoue of Monterey, died at home in Springfield, Massachusetts, on September 11, after a long illness. The funeral was in Springfield on September 14. His surviving brothers and sisters are Janet Robinson-Hole of Norwich, New York; Joseph A. Lanoue of Rapid City, South Dakota; Gail Lanoue Heath, Harlan Lanoue, and Lindsay Lanoue Czaja, all of Monterey.

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, October 4—Meeting of Prayer Breakfast, 7:00 a.m. at the home of David and Judith Bach. All are welcome.

Thursday, October 6—Drawdown of Lake Garfield begins, to be completed October 15.

Saturday, October 8—Voter registration, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in the Grange/Town Hall.

—Fourth annual HARVEST MOON SQUARE and CONTRADANCE PARTY at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8-12 p.m. Joe Baker and Mountain Laurel with guest caller Sarah Smith of Salem, Mass. Everyone is welcome. Special entertainment and singing at halftime and homemade harvest refreshments included in price of admission (pumpkin ice cream, apple desserts, coffee, tea, cider). Adults $6, children $2.50. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

—Gould Farm's 75th Anniversary Celebration; program at 3:00 p.m. followed by open house and refreshments.

Saturday and Sunday, October 8 & 9—Special Dump Days, at the transfer station, regular hours, for hard-to-get-rid-of items: see elsewhere in this issue for information.

Sunday, October 9—Special worship at the Monterey Church commemorating the Gould Farm 75th anniversary, 10:00 a.m., Rev. Richard Lindgren preaching.

—Boiler Room Café, 6:00 p.m. Dine with Jelly Roll, Fats, Porter, and Gershwin. Classic Jazz with Dr. Chas. Hoyt at the piano. Full dinner menu from 6–9:30. $5.00 admission.

Tuesday, October 11—Voter registration, 9:00–6:00 at the Grange, 6:00–10:00 p.m. at the Amidons' home.

Wednesday, October 12—Community potluck supper with Soviet students, 6:30 p.m. at the Church.

Thursday, October 13—Meeting of Friends of Silence, 7:30 a.m., at the home of David and Judith Bach. All are welcome.

Sunday, October 16—Boiler Room Café, 6:00 p.m. An evening of lyrical poetry with Salisbury poet Harold Corbin. Light fare and beverages, $5.00 admission.

Friday, October 21—At the Church, the "Good News Gang" for children begins. Time is 5:00 to 6:30. Bring a sandwich and get ready for a great time!

Saturday, October 22—Square and Contra Dance, New England style, at the Sheffield Grange, 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have done it before. Joe Baker calling, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served, admission $4.00. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

Sunday, October 23—Boiler Room Café, 6:00 p.m. Dallas Weibe's cool, surreal, quirky, grotesque, visionary stories. Light fare and beverages. $5.00 admission.

Sunday, October 30—Boiler Room Café, 6:00 p.m. Monterey astrologer Alice O. Howell, award-winning author and poet, will read from her work. Light fare and beverages, $3.00 admission.

—Halloween Party at the firehouse pavilion for children of all ages, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 8—Presidential election. Polls at the firehouse will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.

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